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DAL/JTE Group announces new CFO

Dr Michael Triskatis is Chief Financial Officer and has a Maersk/Hamburg Süd background

Dr Michael Triskatis, CFO as of 1 July

Dr Michael Triskatis started his position as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the DAL/JTE Group on 1 July 2019. Dr Triskatis joined the maritime industry with Commerzbank, where he managed a portfolio of domestic ship loans totalling a volume of three billions euros. To be closer to the actual shipping business he then switched to Hamburg Süd, eventually becoming head of the group's global controlling division and strategic business. When Hamburg Süd was taken over by the Maersk group, Dr Triskatis became head of the Hamburg Süd integration team. He successfully ensured that Hamburg Süd's operations would continue smoothly under the new Danish ownership.

It's all about team building

Even better knowledge of the job and getting familiar with the colleagues is the aim

We are a family-run business, and ever since John T. Essberger was founded by my grandfather – almost 100 years ago – we have seen the company as one big family. When I say 'family' I mean an entity in which one should trust one another and where everyone stands by the others' side. We'd like to keep it that way," said Heinrich von Rantzau at a three-day seminar for captains and officers in Hamburg. Not just for further training but also to strengthen the team spirit on board, DAL/JTE have been intensifying their efforts to improve the relationships between our staff at sea and ashore, in addition to making our Group of Companies more attractive for new employees. This includes seminars in Hamburg and Manila. Regular meetings with the liner agencies are another key factor. Identifying and selecting the trainees for our acclaimed apprenticeship programme is part of it. The new DAL/JTE website, to be launched shortly, will provide a modern platform on which social media such as Instagram will also be integrated (pages 2, 3, 4, 8).

Our trainees visiting "Annette Essberger" at the Fayard shipyard in Denmark

Barque "Seute Deern" under JTE flag

Essberger's "Seute Deern" 100

The 61-metre-long barque "Seute Deern" (Low German for "sweet girl") is a listed museum ship and has been lying in the "Old Port" section of the German Maritime Museum Bremerhaven since 1966. The barque also serves as a landmark for the international port on the river Weser. On 21 June 2019, an official ceremony was held to mark the "Seute Deern's" 100th birthday. Hardly anyone expected that this ship would survive so long. It enjoyed the best years of its time in service as a *(page 2)*

In December 2017, Essberger Tankers purchased the Danish tanker shipping company Crystal Nordic with a fleet of 14 ships. This was one of the bigger investments in JTE's history. The portfolio of Essberger Tankers currently comprises 37 highly specialised vessels.

After 20 months' experience we can now draw preliminary conclusions. From our point of view, was it right to make this acquisition? The answer is a definite yes.

In economic terms, Essberger Tankers are currently the driving force behind our Group of Companies. We have strengthened our position as the market leader in the European chemical coastal trade. As a result of our more comprehensive tonnage offer and some bigger ships, our fleet has become more flexible to meet the demands of our customers even better, while maintaining the high quality and safety standards for which JTE is renowned on the market.

We have managed to successfully integrate the Crystal Nordic ships in our schedule. We have bundled all the related activities in Hamburg with a view to "one face to customer" and increased our staff with a mixture of highly motivated both young and experienced employees. Moreover, we employ highly dedicated seafarers who attend regular further training sessions.

Since the beginning of this year, our fleet has been undergoing a huge refit process, also with the aim of getting all the Crystal Nordic vessels up to Essberger standard where necessary.

This will ensure that Essberger Tankers not only meet the increasing demands of our customers but also fulfil the ever-changing requirements of the market.

Yours Eberhart von Rantzau

Sudermühlen seminar well accepted

Out in the secluded Lüneburg Heath captains and officers of Essberger Tankers enjoyed three days of duty and pleasure and a formal dinner with the top management

Thirty masters, officers and engineers attended the three-day seminar in Sudermühlen in May this year. Two thirds of the participants attended the seminar for the first time because they joined our company fairly recently, some as a result of the fleet expansion of Essberger Tankers following the takeover of Crystal Nordic.

The regular seminars are held in Sudermühlen, a slightly remote hotel and stables situated by the Lüneburg Heath nature reserve just outside Hamburg. Organised by the Crewing department and headed by Captain Ladkowski, the participants engage in topical questions concerning leadership on board, documentation, environmental protection and the rapidly changing technology. The seafarers also have the opportunity to get to know the shore-based staff from Essberger Tankers personally. The Managing Owners together with the management of the DAL/JTE Group host a formal dinner event, also to gain more insight into the seafarers' wishes, suggestions and worries. Representing the Owners this year were Heinrich von Rantzau and his wife Annette.

In his speech, Mr von Rantzau talked about the current situation of the company and the economic environment in the shipping industry as well as about the future challenges the company faces.

A key topic at the seminar this May was team building. Since this is so important it was not only covered in lectures and discussions but also practically in the form of organised free-time activities. For this, Captain Ladkowski put together ten teams who competed against each other on the hotel premises. The tasks could only be solved as a team and required cognitive and physical skills. The hotel prepared various disciplines for them: the teams had to paddle across the duck pond on a raft, hit targets from a distance in a shooting gallery, enter a wood-sawing competition, race against each other five-aside on skies, balance on beer crates, throw a huge double-axe against a wall made of wood, play darts, do a wooden jigsaw puzzle, balance a golf ball on a long wooden board, to name but a few of the events.

Captain Mareks Satkovskis was honoured with the Loyalty Award for 10 years of dedicated service for the company. The award was presented to him by Mrs Annette von Rantzau

The seminar ended with the participants filling in an anonymous questionnaire about what they thought of the programme and execution.

The scores were positive across the board, ranging from good to very good. And, incidentally, the participants suffered neither from hunger nor thirst throughout the three days.

Captains and officers from left to right: C/O Orhan Akyildiz, 2/E Laurentiu Dumitru-Chirita, 2/E Roman Bedenko, C/O Denis Vlasov, 2/O Grzegorz Gawronski, 2/O Bartosz Kutko, Mr Heinrich von Rantzau, C/O Peter Labee, C/O Mark van den Heuvel, C/O Chris de Boer, Cpt Nicky Nicolaas Petrus Burger, 2/E Ralph Jacob Huibers, Cpt Alex Richard Buren, C/O Markus Geradus Klein

Cpt Mareks Satkovskis, Cpt Zarko Boko, 2/E Alexey Lezhankin, C/E Adam Szwajka, C/E Marcin Prena, 2/E Marcin Rudzik, 2/O Piotr Czajkowski, C/O Krzysztof Maniecki, Cpt Waldemar Literski, Mrs Annette von Rantzau, Cpt Robert Waldon, C/O Daniel Szarzynski, Cpt Arkady Khramushin, 2/E Alexander Konstantinov, 2/O Rafal Osuch, 2/E Tomasz Karczmarek, 2/O Pedro Tavares , Cpt Marcin Pawlak

Essberger's barque "Seute Deern" celebrates centennial

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training ship for the shipping company John T. Essberger.

The barque was built in Gulfport on the Mississippi in 1919 as a four-masted gaff-rigged schooner by the name of "Elisabeth Bandi". The building material they used was freshly cut Florida pine but without the copper bottom that was customary at the time. Using such comparatively soft wood without protective copper plating meant that the hull soon became distorted and the shipworm-ridden wood led to a constant ingress of water. Repairs were necessary after each voyage. Until 1931, the "Elisabeth Bandi" sailed under the American flag and was in service mainly in the timber trade. She was then sold to Finland. The cold and low-salt water of the Baltic prevented further worm damage.

Purchased in 1938

On 7 November 1938, John T. Essberger bought the unemployed ship for 26,500 Reichsmark and converted the vessel into a barque. Essberger, himself a passionate yachtsman, renamed her "Seute Deern" and used her as a sail training vessel. He was on board very often. The sweet girl survived the war and in 1946, "Seute Deern" was converted into a hotel and restaurant ship in Hamburg where she provided decent accommodation for many VIP guests in the war-torn city. Unemployed Essberger captains found temporary employment as car park attendants along the Landungsbrücken piers.

In 1954, John T. Essberger sold the "Seute Deern" to Dutch owners. Ten years later, in 1964, the barque was moved to Emden and finally to Bremerhaven again as a restaurant ship, before she was taken over by the German Maritime Museum in 1966. The leaking hull was a particular worry for the museum staff. By then about 150,000 litres of water had to be pumped out of the keel each day. In February 2019, the forecastle near the galley caught fire and now called for extensive refurbishment work on the "Seute Deern".

John T. Essberger, who passed away in 1959, was a big supporter of the concept of sail training vessels. Incidentally, the Essberger company flag has been flying from the topmast of the "Seute Deern" to this very day.

Team building under challenging conditions

Paddling a raft with shovels, throwing the Viking axe, being precise at the shooting gallery – it's all about helping each other

Mam Donna is a legend in Manila

Marine Personnel Specialist Donna Irmina V. Delgado received an award for her 30th anniversary with TOS/ She is known as the "mother" of all Philippine seafarers

"Mam Donna" Delgado honoured by Annette von Rantzau at the seminar dinner in Sudermühlen

The Crew Conference in Sudermühlen was attended by a very special guest this year: Donna Irmina V. Delgado flew in from Manila, not only for the three-day conference but also to receive her award for her 30th anniversary at Transocean Shipmanagement (Phils.) Inc. Personal greetings came from Annette von Rantzau, wife of the Group of Companies' Managing Owner Heinrich von Rantzau. "Mam Donna", as Mrs Delgado is called by our staff on board, has long become a legend in her position as Marine Personnel Specialist. In close collaboration with the Crewing department in Hamburg, she heads, organises and watches over the Essberger fleet's more than 500 Filipino seafarers, cadets, ratings and officers. She has known many of them since the day they joined as a cadet. Some have meanwhile taken over the command as masters on the bridge. Her job is not just about technical aspects, such as obtaining the necessary personnel and travel documents, and other important office work. Organising the regular Crew Conference in Manila is another of her many tasks.

Mam Donna has become a legend because of her personal connection with the staff. Almost like a mother to the seafarers, she is available to them and their families for all questions, wishes, information and requests, in particular concerning personal matters. She does this job 24 hours a day, all year round. Her smartphone has become her most important tool, because it's not just at the ready for incoming calls but also connected to the social media networks such as Facebook and Messenger to stay in contact with the families.

Aerobics twice a week

One of the reasons for this 24/7 service is the time difference, as Hamburg is on the other side of the world and the seafarers are spread across the globe. During her visit in Hamburg at the beginning of May she also had the opportunity to visit her fellow countrymen on board, on the "Ardea", the "Elsa Essberger" and the "Annette Essberger", which she will join when it passes through the Kiel Canal.

How does one cope in this capacity for 30 years? She says: "My family understands me and supports me. My husband worked as a Crew Manager himself for many years and now sails as a Master on the tankers of a Danish shipowner again. Once a year I am on board as a guest for two weeks." She also has a son and two daughters.

Mam Donna comes from Vigan Ilocos Sur near Manila. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and is very much aware of the importance of seafaring on the Philippines: "Seafaring offers my fellow countrymen a good source of income with which they can support their families. On the other hand, Filipino seafarers are in high demand because they are known for being hard workers and highly qualified."

Mam Donna is a hard worker too. How does she keep fit for the job? The secret, she says, is Zumba at least twice a week. Zumba is a mixture of aerobics, dance movements and gymnastics, highly exerting and a very good fitness sport. That's good because we hope Mam Donna stays with us for many more years to come.

Agents from all relevant UAFL destinations gathered in front of the headquarters

UAFL Agency Meeting in Mauritius

On 29/30 April, UAFL organised its 2nd Agency Meeting in Mauritius. The management team discussed with agents from Dubai, Pakistan, India, China, the Seychelles, Madagascar, South Africa, Kenya and Mauritius the group's strategy and growth plan. After a first meeting in Dubai three years ago, this time Mauritius, home base of the UAFL head office, was the location to bring the network together. "We had good discussions and workshop sessions and we deepened personal relationships and nurtured the spirit of the UAFL family", said UAFL MD Dr Dag-Sven Dieckmann.

Participants of the conference led by Mr Wulff, Mr Borbe and Mr Nickel (in front)

JTE Crew Conference in Manila

From 25 to 28 March, John T. Essberger organised a Crew Conference in the Pan Pacific Hotel in Manila/Philippines. In lectures and workshops the conference dealt with topics such as fatigue management and assertive behaviour, mental health aspects, safety culture and management, including incident review and risk assessment, port state control inspections, social media awareness. Lectures were also given by H. Nickel, MD JTE Shipmanagement, D. Wulff, SSHEQ, and B. Borbe, Crewing, from Essberger's head office in Hamburg.

"Maersk Launceston" on a rescue mission

In the Tasman Sea, the former "Kalahari" assisted a yacht/Capt. Maciuk and his crew showed great seamanship

Heavy seas and exhaustion forced the crew of the distressed yacht to abandon ship

Helicopter picks up crew from life raft

It was not an exercise on the "Maersk Launceston" ("Kalahari") but a serious incident. Early in the morning of 16 June, Captain Jaroslaw Maciuk received a distress call on the RCC Taupo Marine Radio that the sailing yacht "Squander" was in distress 50 nautical miles from the container ship, in waters northwest of New Zealand. The "Kalahari" immediately changed course and headed towards the damaged boat at full speed. Two and a half hours later, they located the "Squander" in clear but stormy weather, drifting in the rough sea. Captain Maciuk provided the damaged yacht with protection on the lee. The boat's crew requested 200 litres of diesel, because their fuel had run precariously low and they couldn't set any sails since the mast was damaged. Two floating shipments of 40 litres of diesel were set adrift and taken on board by the yacht, but its crew wasn't able to get the third shipment of 60 litres aboard.

Fearing dismasting, the exhausted crew, who were obviously suffering from hypothermia, eventually decided to abandon ship and get into a life raft instead. In several extremely precise manoeuvres and despite the rough sea, Captain Maciuk managed to get the "Kalahari" within 20 metres of the life raft, close enough to throw a rope over. However, the shipwrecked crew was too weak to hold on to the lifeline. The rescue operation had to be abandoned.

Protected by the container ship, the life raft drifted for another hour until at around noon a rescue helicopter from New Zealand arrived and airlifted the yacht's crew. Great respect to Captain Maciuk and his crew for their efforts!

From Gothenburg all the way to Africa

Safe Shipping is the Swedish agent of DAL and located in Scandinavia's largest port/Johan Lundblad writes

Our team at Safe Shipping AB working as agent of DAL in Sweden is a small but dedicated team devoting our days to serving the wide Swedish market with a good-quality service mainly to South Africa but also to other destinations served by DAL. We are located in Gothenburg being the largest port in Scandinavia (throughput of 753,000 TEU last year). Our team consists of three people including myself, Birgitta Holmberg and Madeleine Persson. Besides the normal port operations we also offer rail/truck, customs clearance, stuffing of containers and other additional services required by our clients. Many of our customers have production units in several countries in Europe or in some cases all over the world. In order to cater for their needs we are highly involved in cross-trades – often in cooperation with our Safe Shipping colleagues in the 13 countries represented.

Sweden is an export-driven nation. The main commodities handled by our office consist of forest products such as pulp, paper, cardboard and timber, steel and specialty steel, machinery and chemicals. We have a long coastline at our disposal and even though we are a small country in European terms (about 10 million inhabitants) we have many ports, some say one for each mill. To get close to our clients, DAL can actually offer service to as many as twelve different port locations in our long country. Our team closely monitors an extensive network of feeders consisting of several suppliers and dozens of routing options. If you are uncertain of what port takes you closest to your final destination, give us a shout and we will make sure you end up in the right part of the country at the right time saving both the environment and money spent on unnecessary haulages.

With a human touch

Selling the DAL service we are all highly committed to creating a good customer experience with a human touch. Booking with Safe Shipping and DAL should be fast, easy and enjoyable for our clients. To make this work you need people like my colleagues who really care about quality and who are willing to go the extra mile for each client.

The Gothenburg team (from left to right) Birgitta Holmberg, Johan Lundblad and Madeleine Persson

Every summertime we close on one of the larger holidays in Sweden, only second to Christmas, beginning on Midsummer Eve. Our summer days get longer and the northern parts of our country go from just a few hours of daylight in winter time to 24 hours with the midnight sun during the summer months. Originally, Midsummer is said to be an ancient holiday celebrating the spring and nature's growth. Today we have big parties where we all dance around the Maypole (that was originally imported from our German colleagues in medieval times), eat and drink well. People tend to go away from the big cities during this holiday and the country more or less comes to a halt. So if you plan a visit to Gothenburg, Malmö or Stockholm you might find the cities a bit empty.

In order for you all to enjoy a sense of your own Scandinavian summer days we will supply everyone interested with an easy recipe for home-made graved lax, the famous marinated salmon from Sweden. Make sure you have plenty of aquavit schnapps to go with it.

Whereabouts

July 2019

Ship's name	Master	First Mate	Chief Engineer
Agnes Essberger	Robert Waldon	Orhan Akyildiz	Mikhail Borisyuk
Alcedo	Auke Bijlstra	David Jones	Sipke Steenbergen
Amalie Essberger	Boguslaw Olbrys	Marcin Madry	Vitaliy Kolesnyk
Anneliese Essberger	Peter Troost	Wojciech Nowak	Pieter Pasterkamp
Annette Essberger	Thierry Micha	Els Impens	Roel Tichelaar
Ardea	Alex Buren	Cornelis De Snaijer	Jelle Spoelstra
Caroline Essberger	Nicolaas Bruinsma	Pawel Pawlik	Teunis Oskam
Christian Essberger	Robert Szmaj	Mateusz Borysewicz	Miroslaw Jaworski
Dutch Aquamarine	Jeroen De Koster	Krzysztof Maniecki	Willem Vijverberg
Dutch Emerald	Hubertus Meulenberg	Pieter Labee	Hendrik Berg
Dutch Faith	Sander De Bos	Chris De Boer	Jan Sonneveld
Dutch Spirit	Nicky Nicolaas Petrus Burger	Roger Oenema	Geert Sap
Eduard Essberger	Enrique Lopez	Antonio Jr. Ocampo	Marcin Prena
Ellen Essberger	Mariusz Borek	Denis Vlasov	Artem Glushko
Elsa Essberger	Lukasz Antczak	Grzegorz Kakol	Lukasz Zeromski
Georg Essberger	Marcin Pawlak	Piotr Adamski	Guilherme Bacelar
Gisela Essberger	Dariusz Swierkosz	Rafal Garbacz	Marek Ptasznik
Helga Essberger	Maciej Randak	Daniel Szarzynski	Pavel Semyonov
Johann Essberger	Krzysztof Osuch	Daniel Kubacki	Valerii Mersiianov
John Augustus Essberger	Jaroslaw Spors	Arkadiusz Duczynski	Andrzej Sullik
Liesel Essberger	Jose Teixeira	Damian Rechnio	Leonid Volkov
Lisa Essberger	Albertus Linthorst	Willem Schot	Arnoldus Eland
Lucy Essberger	Leonardus Kanters	Jakub Nadaj	Stefan Kluijfhout
Maersk Launceston	Jaroslaw Maciuk	Dmytro Stygar	Andrzej Szyca
Patricia Essberger	Maciej Kaminski	Marcin Harasim	Zoran Zambata
Philipp Essberger	Andrei Malenkov	Tomasz Rembisz	Vitor Belo
Theodor Essberger	Arkady Khramushin	Pawel Bula	Ryszard Topolewski
Ubena	Konstantin Kveselevich	Angie Mae Cagud	Ilarion Sorin Chirtes
Ulanga	Eugeniusz Naciuk	Marcelo Borbon	Piotr Turski
Ursula Essberger	Koen Ghysels	Marcus Klein	David Roele
Wilhelmine Essberger	Nicolaas Van Den Belt	Marcin Szajdecki	Johan De Jong
Selinda	(under new management)		
Swakop	(under new management)		
Zambesi	(under new management)		

Aus der Reederei-Familie

Jubiläen

25 Jahre

Aquino Jr. Sabodogo Catandijan, *AB*, 06.06.1994

Rolando Borcelas Cardines, *PMP*, 04.08.1994

10 Jahre

Jevon Laroda Salinas, *AB*, 01.06.2009

Rufo Jr. Pedrajas Puga, *3/O*, 18.07.2009

Helena Kapahnke, *Essberger Tankers*, 01.08.2009

Jimmy Baula De Guzman, *3/O*, 16.08.2009

Besondere Geburtstage

90 Jahre

Werner Dohrmann, 23.08.1929

85 Jahre

Jürgen-Eberhard Warnecke, 13.08.1934

Hans-Joachim Trappe, 26.08.1934

80 Jahre

Peter Kunig, 15.07.1939

70 Jahre

Margot Lühdorff, 27.07.1949

65 Jahre

Holger Reschke, 10.06.1954

Felicitas Leonhard 15.06.1954

Karol Matzko, *PMP*, 12.08.1954

60 Jahre

Capt Karel Van der Klooster, 06.06.1959

Henrikus Gerardus Franciscus Van Meersbergen, *CE*, 18.06.1959

Adriano Escalona Ilagan, *AB*, 08.07.1959

Ronald Willem De Bruin, *CE*, 13.07.1959

Angelika Unger, *Liner Accounting*, 29.07.1959

50 Jahre

Nilo Notarte Berdin, *CCK*, 20.06.1969

Vladyslav Dorosh, *Elec.*, 30.06.1969

Susanne Jung, *DALSA*, 10.07.1969

Victor Aggangan Darisan, *PMP*, 21.07.1969

Ricky Mendoza Salido, *CCK*, 02.08.1969

Capt. Dariusz Swierkosz, 07.08.1969

Capt. Gocha Bezhanidze, 14.08.1969

Anja May, *DALSA*, 19.08.1969

Neue Mitarbeiter an Land

Britta Borsdorf, *Liner Accounting*

Karen Buchholz, *Liner Accounting*

Katherina Hansen, *MTI*

Christopher Kage, *Finance/Accounting*

Lara Käsemann, *Operations Liner Services*

Jens Marquardt, *Hammonia*

Paul Rehders, *HR Shore*

Jan-Niclas Runde, *DSA Frankfurt*

In den Ruhestand trat

Cornelia Hansen, *Accounting*, 30.06.2019

Geheiratet haben

Frau Anja May (geb. Seineke)

Herr Cornelis Dijkstra (geb. Veldhuizen-Dijkstra)

Ausgelernte Auszubildende an Land

Lara Käsemann, *Operations Liner Services*

Oscar Rebbe

Finn Schaarschmidt

Wir gedenken

Herrn Reinhard Brüggen (66), Mai 2019, ehemals DAL

Herrn Hans-Eggert Buhmann (81), Juni 2019, ehemals JTE

Herrn Hugo Finlay (67), Mai 2019, ehemals JTE

A happy wedding cruise in Berlin

Christian Albrecht von Rantzau marries Nofretete (née Gaillard)

What a day! Christian Albrecht von Rantzau and his wife Nofretete got married on a boat on the river Spree

The weather was just great when Christian Albrecht von Rantzau (33) and Nofretete Gaillard boarded the M/S "Heidelberg" on the rivers Havel and Spree for a true wedding trip. The couple was attended by a few chosen family members and friends. Christian and "Nofri", who has a Swiss background, have been friends for five years and share an interest in travelling overseas. Christian, who is the youngest son of Heinrich and Annette von Rantzau, studied Ship Management, Business Administration and Real Estate, and lives in Berlin. In September, Christian has a new destination. In Mauritius and East Africa he will gain business experience in shipping and trade with DAL's Indian Ocean line UAFL, where "Nofri" will join him early next year.

Hugo Finlay †

On 18 May 2019, Hugo Finlay passed away in his homeland Ireland, aged 67. He was spared illness and suffering, he died a sudden death at home after going for a walk with his beloved Landseer dog. "Hugo" as he was called by the staff and friends here at the company – and he had plenty here – was Managing Director of John T. Essberger from 2008 to 2016. He held this position during the most difficult years of the international shipping crisis and did a "good job". After he left Essberger and returned to Ireland, Hugo was able to complete his degree in law and call himself a lawyer. Hugo Finlay still enjoyed visiting our company on Palmaille. Everyone who knew him will remember him as a very considerate, friendly gentleman with immense expertise in his job and also in dealing with people. He was extremely knowledgeable in a wide range of subjects and had a great sense of humour, most notably in his speeches at official events.

Maritime Museum tour guided by Patricia von Rantzau

The Hamburg International Maritime Museum is one of the most impressive museums of its kind and a must for every generation of trainees in the shipping business.

Mrs Patricia von Rantzau (far left), daughter of the museum founder Peter Tamm, is the perfect guide to her father's once private collection and proudly took a chosen group of visitors from the DAL/JTE Group around the location. The city of Hamburg supplied a historic warehouse in the flashy new Hafen City featuring ten decks to accommodate Mr Tamm's collection.

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A day at the Fayard shipyard in Odense – trainees visit Essberger tankers in dry dock

Chemical tanker "Helga Essberger" undergoing thorough refit in dry dock. Trainees equipped with safety gear

Cul-de-sac: "Annette Essberger" in dry dock

On a sunny Tuesday morning our trip to Odense in Denmark started at the central station in Hamburg. Seven trainees from DAL and Essberger (Godfred Bediako, Anna Eidenschink, Helen Heindorf, Leoni Pries, Jonas Rückert, Tiberius Schütze and Rahul Singh) and Ms Albrechtsen got the opportunity to visit a shipyard and two chemical tankers: Gisela and Helga Essberger.

We were picked up from the train station in Odense and taken to the Fayard shipyard, where Ivan Larsen gave us a warm welcome. Equipped with a helmet, glasses and steel-toe boots we began a guided tour over the whole shipyard with Mr Larsen. He explained to us in depth how the four dry docks operate and how they work. Suddenly, close to the end of the tour, we saw the blue E on a white background: Helga and Gisela Essberger in dock No. 1.

After that he gave us a presentation and told us more about Fayard and options about sustainability in the shipping industry. And then it was finally time to go on the chemical tankers, where workers were removing the blue and red paint from the ships. After putting on our overalls, as well as gloves, we split into two groups: the boys went on Helga and the girls on Gisela Essberger. The second officers, third officer and third engineer showed us around the bridge, monkey platform, engine rooms, kitchen, cabins, deck and we even walked in the dry dock around the tankers. In addition, the boys were allowed to go into a tank and we girls climbed into a lifeboat. It makes you feel tiny to be standing alongside a ship that is 125 metres long. Even a truck looked small next to it. We got to know many seafarers, who were very kind and open-minded, so we could ask them everything we wanted to know. They tried to make our day the very best and succeeded.

To end this remarkable day, we trainees sat together with Ms Albrechtsen to talk about our experiences during our visit, which also brought us closer together as a team. A big thank-you to Ivan Larsen, 2/O Andrejs Krutikovs and 3/E Luka Boko from Gisela Essberger and 2/O Aleksandrs Batovs and 3/O Vladyslav Glukhov from Helga Essberger for taking your time to show us around, as well as the whole crew.

We are very grateful for the opportunity to see a shipyard and chemical tankers from our company. It was a day full of impressions and an unforgettable experience for all of us.

Leoni Pries/Helen Heindorf

"We want to give a company insight via Instagram"

Mr Paul Rehders works in our HR Shore department. Besides his regular tasks he is also responsible for the Instagram channel of our Group of Companies. DAL/JTE news asked him four questions.

DAL/JTE NEWS: We added our channel (@dal_jte) to our website in November 2018. Whom and what do you want to address?

REHDERS: We want to give people a closer view of our companies to gain an insight into our daily business. We especially aim at younger people who might be interested in pursuing a career in shipping. The DAL/JTE Group is always a choice.

DAL/JTE NEWS: How did the Instagram channel develop over the past nine months?

REHDERS: Every beginning is hard, but at the moment we are seeing first results. Which means we are on the right track. Instagram will soon be an integral part of our new website that is being prepared at the moment. After the launch we are expecting to attract even more attention.

DAL/JTE NEWS: Which topics have received the highest level of interest?

REHDERS: Besides pictures of our ships, also the historical ones, most interest is being generated by pictures of employees. The picture of our apprentices during their visit of the "Annette Essberger" at the dry dock in Denmark is a good example of that.

Paul Rehders has a heart for social media

DAL/ JTE NEWS: Where do you get your pictures from and who can participate in our Instagram channel?

REHDERS: For example, we use our internal sources and archives. But everyone is welcome to participate and send us pictures with respect to our Group of Companies and daily business to "instagram@rantzau.de". We are looking forward to receiving any ideas, suggestions and contributions.